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President: Mr. Udovenko ..... (Ukraine)

The meeting was called to order at 5.10 p.m.

Item 5 of the provisional agenda

Election of the officers of the Main Committees

The President: I should like to inform members that the following representatives have been elected Chairmen of the six Main Committees of the Assembly and are accordingly members of the General Committee for the fifty-second session:

First Committee:	Mr. Mothusi Nkgowe (Botswana)
Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee):	Mr. Machivenyika Tobias Mapuranga (Zimbabwe)
Second Committee:	Mr. Oscar de Rojas (Venezuela)
Third Committee:	Mr. Alessandro Busacca (Italy)
Fifth Committee:	Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh)
Sixth Committee:	Mr. Peter Tomka (Slovakia)

I congratulate the Chairmen on their election.

Item 6 of the provisional agenda

Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly

The President: Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure we shall now proceed to the election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

All members of the General Assembly are eligible in this election except those already represented in the General Committee, namely, those countries whose representatives have been elected to the presidency of the General Assembly or to the chairmanships of the Main Committees.

In accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the annex to resolution 33/138, the 21 Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly at its fifty-second session shall be elected according to the following pattern:

(a) Six representatives from African States;

(b) Five representatives from Asian States;

(c) Three representatives from Latin American and Caribbean States;

(d) Two representatives from Western European and other States;

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(e) Representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

In accordance with paragraph 16 of annex VI to the rules of procedure, the election of the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly by secret ballot will be dispensed with when the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled. We shall proceed accordingly.

I shall now read out the names of the endorsed candidates:

African States: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea, Togo, Zimbabwe.

Asian States: Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Qatar, Viet Nam.

Latin American and Caribbean States: Mexico, Panama, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

Western European and other States: Greece, Ireland.

Since the number of candidates corresponds to the number of seats to be filled in each region, I declare those candidates elected, in addition to the representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council.

The following States have therefore been elected to Vice-Presidencies of the General Assembly: China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Greece, Guinea, Ireland, Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Mexico, Mongolia, Panama, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Togo, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the States which have been elected Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.

The General Committee for the fifty-second session of the General Assembly has now been fully constituted in accordance with rule 38 of the rules of procedure.

The first meeting of the General Committee will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, 17 September 1997, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 4.

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/52/340)

The President: The Assembly will now turn its attention to document A/52/340, which contains a letter dated 12 September 1997 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the Assembly.

As members are aware, the Assembly, in paragraph 7 of its resolution 40/243, decided that no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly should be permitted to meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

As indicated in the letter I have just mentioned, the Committee on Conferences has recommended that the General Assembly authorize the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, which has been meeting from 15 September of this year, to meet until 19 September 1997.

Bearing in mind that this period overlaps with the fifty-second session of the Assembly, may I take it that the General Assembly adopts the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences?

It was so decided.

The President: We have thus concluded consideration of all the items for today's General Assembly meeting.

The meeting rose at 5.15 p.m.